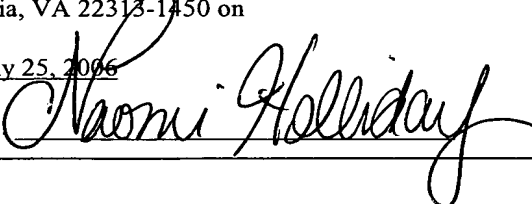
 <b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE</b>			
<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (a)</b>		Docket Number: <b>1662/60707</b>	
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Sir:

- Transmitted herewith for filing is an Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed January 25, 2006 for the above-identified application.
- Applicants hereby request a **three-month extension of time** to respond to the Office Action of January 25, 2006, which set a three-month period for response. The extended period for response now expires on July 25, 2006. Please charge the **\$1,020.00** extension fee and any additional fees to the deposit account of Kenyon & Kenyon LLP, deposit account number **11-0600**.
- The filing fee has been calculated after entry of the accompanying Amendment as shown below:

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TOTAL CLAIMS	8	minus	20	0	50.00	0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	2	minus	3	0	200.00	0.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM ADDED					360.00	0.00
				TOTAL		0.00
				SMALL ENTITY TOTAL		

4. No additional claims fee is due. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to the deposit account of **Kenyon & Kenyon LLP**, deposit account number **11-0600**:

- A. Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16;
- B. Any additional patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17;
- C. Any additional patent issue fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18;
- D. Any additional document supply fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.19;
- E. Any additional post-patent processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20; or
- F. Any additional miscellaneous fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.21.

5. A copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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